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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS  
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCIES**

Dear Executive Directors:

This letter is intended for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies that receive Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program funds. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the California Department of Transportation has received guidance from the Federal Highway Administration that the provisions regarding CMAQ funding in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, Public Law 110-140, is effective through the life of the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2010 (STEА 2010). STEA 2010 extended SAFETEA-LU until the end of the 2010 calendar year (December 31, 2010). The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 permitted the increase of the federal share of CMAQ funds on projects up to 100%.

MPOs may process administrative modifications or amendments to their 2009 Federal Transportation Improvements Programs to increase the federal share on CMAQ funded projects up to 100% and/or program new projects using 100% CMAQ funds, if adequate CMAQ apportionments are available to those MPOs. These projects must be obligated prior to December 31, 2010 to be eligible for 100% federal reimbursement. This is a good opportunity to increase usage of CMAQ funds in you regions.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 654-2983.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Muhaned Aljabiry".

MUHANED ALJABIRY, Chief  
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